Backwater Patrol.

398. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the Mattancheri Police are given the necessary facilities for backwater patrolling;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether there is any separate diary kept for backwater patrolling ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No. The backwaters are patrolled by the Ernakulam Town Police.

(b) No answer is neces

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know why Ernakulam town police is asked to petrol Mattancheri backwater?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The river police are asked to petrol all around the backwater on all the sides. You cannot have special men for all these.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is there any river police in the Ernakulam Town station?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. They were amalgamated into the town police.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether they have got special duties—whether they are deputed?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They have special duties.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—What facilities have this river police ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—To engage a boat and the charges will be paid by the Government.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether it is the country boat or the motor boat ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Generally the country boat and in cases of necessity motor boats also.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdaan Lalan.—Whether it is checked by any officers?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government please show the diary.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is confidential.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether they have recorded any cases by this river police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Cases of what nature?

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know how many people are there?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is left to the town Inspector to decide. If he finds that four men are only necessary he will

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take them; if more are wanted they can take the sufficient number of men. It is all left to the discretion of the town Inspector.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know whether the town patrols and the river police are of the same staff?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—They manage both the duties with the men available.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether Government know that so many thefts are being carried on in this backwater.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government are not aware of that.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Why is this patrol necessary when the Government finds there are no thefts?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—To prevent thefts.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will these four men be sufficient?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is sufficient unless in the case of transit of cargo from Mattancheri to other stations.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know how it is possible to manage with four men. Only four men are deputed for petrolling.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not say four. It all depends upon the discretion of the town Inspector. If he wants more than four men he can take them.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Are there any Heads of Departments who check and go along with the petrol constables.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have not gone with them yet. They send up inspection notes and diaries and they will be checked.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Why petrolling is not taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is left to the subordinate police.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether any subordinate is deputed for this checking.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, the D. S. P. and the town Inspector.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the town Inspector has check in this backwater?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. He must go out with these men for petrolling.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Whether the Government is aware that the two jurisdictions are combined thus causing trouble? Whether they have deputed any staff to watch over Mattancheri.

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Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I am afraid I cannot give any more information on this.

Maharaja's College.

399. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether resolutions have been received for this sitting regarding the desirability of having a College of Science at Ramavarmapuram and a College of Arts at Ernakulam;

(b) what will be the extra charge of teaching work alone if two such Colleges are to be run instead of one ;

(c) whether the Director of Public Instruction had placed before the Government any such scheme ;

(d) whether lands have been acquired for College extension works at Ernakulam and if so, what is the total amount already spent under this head and what rate;

(e) are there not costly buildings in the site now proposed to be acquired; what will be the approximate value of these buildings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Resolutions were received for the last sitting.

(b) Exact figures are not yet available.

(c) No.

(d) Lands are in process of acquisition. No amount has been actually spent so far. Rates are only being worked out by the Diwan Peishkar.

(e) Yes, there are some. The valuation is not over.

400. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether a detailed estimate regarding the science block for the Maharaja's College to be constructed at Ernakulam had been submitted by the Diwan for the approval of His Highness the Maharaja; if so, when was it submitted?

(b) whether the said estimate has been approved by His Highness the Maharaja ? if not, why not;

(c) when was the said estimate returned from His Highness ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c) Correspondence between His Highness and the Diwan is confidential.

401. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Madras University authorities have returned the plans for the extension of the Maharaja's College at Ernakualm unapproved; if so, when and why;

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